



ST. OSWALD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

No Smoking Policy

Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society. Passive smoking (breathing in other people's tobacco smoke) is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers. Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school. Everyone has the right to breathe clean air. Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

Purpose

- To make the school building and playgrounds a smoking free area.
- To inform parents and visitors of our policy.
- To educate pupils of the dangers of smoking.
- To seek the support of staff, governors, parents and visitors in enforcing our policy.

Guidelines

- All staff are informed of the non-smoking policy before appointment.
- The local authority will be informed of our policy.
- The policy will be approved by all staff and ratified by the governing body.
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy.
- Guidance booklets will inform supply staff, student and visitors.
- Parents will be given a copy of this policy.
- Newsletters will remind parents on a regular basis.

- A statement will be added to school admissions forms.
- Staff will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- Any parents who regularly ignore the policy will be written to by the Chair of Governors.
- Health Education teaching will include the dangers of smoking every year to all Key Stage 2 pupils.
- Younger children will be made aware of the health hazards during PHSE lessons.
- The school will work towards the Healthy School Award.
- Any pupils who are known to be smoking will have 1 to 1 counselling with a member of staff or school nurse.
- Health professionals will be invited in to school to endorse the non-smoking message.
- All staff will politely ask parents or visitors to refrain from smoking on site.
- Parents will be encouraged to point out the notices to offending adults.
- The Governing Body will be responsible for writing to any parents who object or personally ignore the policy.

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